

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY, a
California joint powers
authority, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIV. F-14-765 LJO/BAM

SALLY JEWELL, as Secretary of
the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE
COUNCIL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIV. S-88-1658 LKK/GGH

KIRK RODGERS, a Regional
Director of the UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, et al.,

Defendants.

The court is in receipt of a Notice of Related Cases filed
herein on May 22, 2014. (ECF No. 1421.) Grassland Water District
and Grassland Resources Conservation District ("Grassland

1 Parties"), two of the defendants in Friant Water Authority v.
2 Jewell, No. 1:14-cv-00765-LJO-BAM, contend that the latter case is
3 related to the instant case within the meaning of Local Rule
4 123(a).

5 Whatever the substantive merits of the Grassland Parties'
6 position, relation is not warranted. The undersigned will be
7 assuming inactive status effective October 1, 2014. As a result,
8 even if the cases were ordered related, the matter would be
9 assigned to a new judge within a few months, thereby obviating
10 any "savings of judicial effort" or avoidance of "substantial
11 duplication of labor." Local Rule 123(a). Under these
12 circumstances, I DECLINE to relate the cases.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED: May 27, 2014.

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18 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
19 SENIOR JUDGE
20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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